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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST Ewing Robert D (Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **PUTNAM** (Check all applicable) INVESTMENTS. ONE POST **OFFICE SQUARE** Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (Street) _X__ Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Mgr. Dir. of Putnam, issuer's / _X_ Form filed by One Reporting indirect parent holding co. Person BOSTON, MAÂ 02109 Form filed by More than One

(City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1.Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

(Instr. 4) 2. Amount of Security
(Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

Form: (Instr. 5)
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect Exercisable Date Number of (I) Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Ewing Robert D PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Mgr. Dir. of Putnam, issuer's	indirect parent holding co.	

Signatures

Robert D. Ewing 11/05/2008

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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